

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Brandon Hoffman
Minoru TESHIGAWARA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2136
Application No.: 09/879,994)	
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Filed: June 14, 2001)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND)	January 12, 2007
APPARATUS AND IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING SYSTEM)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir.

In response to the final Office Action dated October 13, 2006, please amend the application as follows: